

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Amend the paragraph on page 2, lines 18 – 24, as follows:

European Patent Application 0 625 422 A1 discloses a heatable windshield having a plurality of closely spaced conductive strips on an enamel layer on the inside surface of the outer pane to heat the windshield wiper area. The strips are applied by screen printing silver on the decorative edge and thereafter heating the silver to set the strips. U.S. Patent No. 5,434,384 discloses a heatable windshield having a heatable member, e.g. an electroconductive coating, and bus bars spaced from one another at the lower portion of the windshield to heat the wiper rest area.

2. Amend the paragraph on page 3, lines 2 – 23, as follows:

The present invention provides a transparency having a heatable wiper rest area comprising: a rigid transparent sheet having major surface; an opaque band positioned on the major surface of the sheet along at least a portion of a selected edge of the sheet at an expected wiper rest area; and a wiper rest area heating arrangement. The wiper rest area comprises: an electrically conductive member positioned on the opaque band on the sheet extending along at least a portion of the selected edge of the sheet at the expected wiper rest area; a plurality of bus bars positioned in electrical contact along the conductive member, wherein the plurality of bus bars divides the electrically conductive member into a plurality of adjacent discrete heatable areas; a first lead to electrically interconnect selected ones of the bus bars, the first lead extending on the band along an edge of the coating; a second lead to electrically interconnect other selected ones of the bus bars, the second lead extending on the band along the edge of the coating, such that moving current through the first and second leads and bus bars moves current across the discrete areas to heat ~~heats~~ the discrete areas, wherein a portion of the first lead and a portion of the second lead overlay each other; and an insulating member positioned between the portion of the first lead and the portion of the second lead to electrically insulate the first

lead from the second lead. In one nonlimiting embodiment of the invention, the sheet is a glass sheet, the conductive member is an electrically conductive coating, the first and second leads extend between the lower edge of the conductive member the a lower edge of the sheet, and the transparency of is a automotive backlight.

3. Amend the paragraph on page 3, line 24, to page 4, line 15, as follows:

The present invention also provides a transparency having a heatable wiper rest area comprising: a first glass sheet having an outer major surface and an inner major surface; a second glass sheet having an outer major surface and an inner major surface, wherein the inner major surface of the first glass sheet faces the inner major surface of the outer glass sheet; an interlayer material securing the inner major surface of the first glass sheet to the inner major surface of the second glass sheet; an opaque band positioned on the inner major surface of the outer glass sheet along at least a portion of a selected edge of the outer glass sheet at an expected wiper rest area; and a wiper rest area heating arrangement. The heating arrangement comprises: an electrically conductive member positioned on either the inner major surface or the outer major surface of the second glass sheet extending along at least a portion of the selected edge of the second glass sheet at the expected wiper rest area; a plurality of bus bars positioned in electrical contact along the conductive member, wherein the plurality of bus bars divides the conductive member into a plurality of adjacent discrete heatable areas; a first lead to electrically interconnect selected ones of the bus bars, the first lead extending along an edge of the conductive member; a second lead to electrically interconnect other selected ones of the bus bars, the second lead extending leading-extend-along the edge of the conductive member, wherein a portion of the first lead and a portion of the second lead overlay each other; and an insulating member positioned between the portion of the first lead and the portion of the second lead to electrically insulate the first lead from the second lead. In one nonlimiting embodiment of the invention, the first and second

leads extend between the edge of the conductive member and the lower edge of the second glass sheet, the conductive member is an electrically conductive coating that extends along the inner major surface of the second glass sheet, and the transparency is a windshield.

4. Amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 16 – 31, as follows:

The present invention further provides a method of making a transparency having a heatable wiper rest area comprising: providing a rigid transparent sheet having major surface; applying an opaque band positioned on the major surface of the sheet along at least a portion of a selected edge of the sheet at an expected wiper rest area; applying an electrically conductive member positioned on the opaque band along at least a portion of the selected edge of the sheet at the expected wiper rest area; positioning a plurality of bus bars in electrical contact along the conductive member, wherein the plurality of bus bars divides the electrically conductive member into a plurality of adjacent discrete heatable areas; positioning a first lead on the band and along an edge of the coating to electrically interconnect selected ones of the bus bars; positioning a second lead along the band and along the edge of the coating to electrically interconnect other selected ones of the bus bars, such that moving current through the first and second leads and bus bars moves current across the discrete areas to heat heats the discrete areas, wherein a portion of the first lead and a portion of the second lead overlay each other; and ~~electrically insulating~~ the portion of the first lead is electrically insulated from the portion of the second lead.

5. Amend the paragraph on page 6, line 30, to page 7, line 2, as follows:

The interlayer 26 can be any of the types known in the art of laminating glass sheets, e.g. the interlayer 26 can have a uniform thickness throughout its extent or can have a taper in at least a portion of the interlayer as it extends between the top and bottom edges of the laminate as disclosed in U. S. Patent No. 5,812,332. Further, the windshield can include a shade

band, e.g. as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,554,713. The disclosures of U.S. Patent Nos. No. 4,554,713 and 5,812,332 Italian Patent No. 1,244,185 are hereby incorporated by reference.

6. Amend the Abstract of the Invention as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An The present invention also provides a automotive transparency having a heatable wiper rest area includes comprising: a first glass sheet and having an outer major surface and an inner major surface; a second glass sheet having an outer major surface and an inner major surface, wherein the inner major surface of the first glass secured together by sheet faces the inner major surface of the outer glass sheet; an interlayer material, securing the inner major surface of the first glass sheet to the inner major surface of the second glass sheet; An opaque band is positioned on the inner major surface of the outer glass sheet along at least a portion of an a selected edge of the outer glass sheet at an expected wiper rest area; and a wiper rest area heating arrangement. The heating arrangement comprises: an electrically conductive member is positioned on either the inner major surface or the outer a major surface of the second glass sheet and extends extending along at least a an edge portion of the selected edge of the second glass sheet at the expected wiper rest area; a A plurality of bus bars positioned in electrical contact along the conductive member, wherein the plurality of bus bars divides the conductive member into a plurality of adjacent discrete heatable areas with; a first lead to electrically interconnecting interconnect selected ones of the bus bars and, the first lead extending along an edge of the conductive member; a second lead to electrically interconnecting interconnect other selected ones of the bus bars with overlying portions of, the first and second leads leading extend along the edge of the conductive member, wherein a portion of the first lead and a portion of the second lead overlay electrically isolated from each other; and an insulating member

~~positioned between the portion of the first lead and the portion of the second lead to electrically insulate the first lead from the second lead.~~